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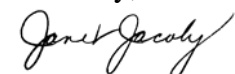
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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. TIC Gums, Inc. supports the continued allowance of the following substance(s):

| Name of Substance | Location on National List (i.e. 205.605(a)) | Reason for continued allowance. | Supporting Documents |
|-----------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Alginates | 205.605(b) (1) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | |
| Pectin (low-methoxy) | 205.605(b) (21) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Xanthan Gum | 205.605(b) (36) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Agar-agar | Non-synthetic | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Carrageenan | Non-synthetic | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Cellulose | 205.605(b) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | |
| Pectin (high-methoxy) | 205.606(e) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Arabic Gum | Now available as 100% Organic was 205.606(b) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Guar Gum | Now available as 100% Organic was 205.606(b) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |
| Locust Bean Gum | Now available as 100% Organic was 205.606(b) | widely used food ingredient as a thickener, stabilizer and emulsifier | EU organic approval |

Sincerely,



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Cc: Organic Trade Association
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